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TAGS: ECON PINS ET

SUBJECT: WILL LAND REFORM BE POSTPONED?

1. ALTHOUGH THE EPMG HAS REPEATEDLY STATED LAND REFORM IS IMMINENT, EMBASSY RECEIVING INDICATIONS THAT THE PMAC AGAIN BACKING AWAY FROM THIS MOMENTOUS STEP AT PRESENT.

2. A WELL-CONNECTED ETHIOPIAN BUSINESSMAN TOLD ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON JAN. 22 THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE "DIRG" HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE LAND REFORM.

3. AN ETHIOPIAN LAWYER, WHO ADVISES THE EPMG ON LAND REFORM, TOLD EMBOFF THE SAME DAY THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THE "DIRG" COULD NOT AGREE ON WHAT LAND REFORM MEASURES TO TAKE. REPORTEDLY, A DAY-LONG "DIRG" WANGLE OVER LAND REFORM ON JAN. 18 ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY. GIVEN THE NUMEROUS DIFFICULTIES THEY PRESENTLY FACE, HE SAID, THE PMAC MAY HAVE DECIDED ONCE AGAIN TO POSTPONE ACTION ON LAND REFORM.

COMMENT: GIVEN PUBLIC CONCERN OVER PRICE CONTROLS, THE MEANING OF "ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM," AND THE TENSE ERITREAN SITUATION, THE PMAC MAY WELL HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE CONTENTIONS

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ISSUE OF LAND REFORM. IF TRUE, THE PMAC WILL HAVE DEMONSTRATED

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